## Docket No. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 2045532-5005C5 (Large Entity) In Re Application Of: William G. DENNIS Confirmation No. Group Art Unit Examiner Customer No. Application No. Filing Date 6097 WITCZAK, Catherine 3767 23345 10/788,733 February 27, 2004 SURGICAL INSTRUMENT SEAL ASSEMBLY Invention: **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office October 9, 2007 in the above-identified application. Action of The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Five months ☐ Four months ☐ Three months ☐ Two months ☑ One month February 9, 2008 until: January 9, 2008 from: Date Date and is to be paid as follows: \$120 The fee for the extension of time is ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. ☑ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. ☑ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-1951 Payment by credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: February 8, 2008 Signature John S. Hilten, Reg. No. 52,518 McGuireWoods LLP hereby certify that this correspondence is being 1750 Tysons Boulevard deposited with the United States Postal Service with **Suite 1800** sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope McLean, Virginia 22102 addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Telephone No.: 703.712.5069 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on Facsimile No.: 703.712.5196

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